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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Joffre Baker et al. Serial No.: Unassigned Filed: June 29, 2001 For: CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY FACTOR AND USES THEREFOR	Group Art Unit: Unassigned Examiner: Unassigned EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EM 168 886 555 US DATE OF DEPOSIT: June 29, 2001
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The instant application is filed on or before July 3, 2001 which is within the pendency of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/033,114 of which the instant application is a continuation. Prior to examination of the above-identified accompanying application please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The application makes reference to, and claims the benefits available under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 of, copending U.S. Ser. No. 09/033,114, filed March 2, 1998, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/733,850 filed on October 18, 1996 (now abandoned), which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/443,129 filed May 17, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,627,073 issued May 6, 1997, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/286,304 filed August 5, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,571,893 issued November 5, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/233,609 filed April 25, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,534,615 issued July 9, 1996, which applications are incorporated